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Article XXIII, Section 2 of the constitution, setting forth a definition of the races reads as follows:

"Wherever, in this constitution and laws of this state, the word or words, 'colored' or 'colored race,' 'negro' or 'negro race,' are used, the same shall be construed to mean or apply to persons of African descent. The term 'white race' shall include all other persons."

And the term "white race shall include all other persons," places the Indian in a very embarrassing position. By this the constitution at one fell swoop makes the Indian a white man, and by so doing, if indeed it can do so, the Indian loses all rights to the claim on government. This is a pretty how do do. If the constitution is strong enough to do what it says in this section the Indian has been placed in a condition to lose much of his rights as an Indian. What next?—State Capital.

This legislature can call the moon the sun and the onion a rose but after all, an Indian will remain an Indian though some of them do turn white from fear of being called colored.

There is a call for the Negroes of Oklahoma to convene at Guthrie on December thirtieth. Bishop Tyree appears to be president of the organization and a lot of "preachers" fill out the remaining offices.

Wonder what has become of the organization over which one J. Coody Johnson held sway?

Is it not time that the Negroes of the state get together and perfect an organization for their mutual benefit and protection with officers WHO LIVE IN THE STATE and at the same time not depopulate the pulpit in order to secure officials. We think so and hope J. Coody and all other heads of like organizations will

issue calls for the 30th at Guthrie.

The compliment paid Prof. Glenn and the people at Taft for the work done in building Halechec Industrial Institute is well deserved. We had occasion to visit the school recently and was very pleasantly surprised at what was seen and heard. The institution is destined to be a record breaker and will be to Oklahoma what Tuskegee is to the South.

The legislature is not stuck on the Initiative and Referendum for they have labelled every measure "emergency" which is the one way provided to render the clause useless, so far as the desire of the people to vote upon any proposed law is concerned.

A Negro nurse is not offensive and may ride in the white car but a Negro man or woman who is independent cannot. Such is the ruling of the legislature now in session at Guthrie.

Negroes who are looking for locations should come to the state of Oklahoma. In spite of the fact that there are some drawbacks, opportunities are better here than elsewhere and our people should come here and help to make this new state the best in the Union.

God is not dead and the future will show that all men regardless of color or creed, can live here in peace. The recent threats to deprive Negroes of their rights will have no effect as there are still enough liberty loving white men who are willing to see that all men shall have their rights under the law (No Negro is asking for or seeking the so-called social equality.)

Negroes own much of the land in this part of the country and land owners cannot be disfranchised in any country on earth.

Democrats all answer in chorus. How many want to go to Chicago as delegates to the National Convention? It is a settled fact that some Negroes from the new state will go.

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